THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir. There is continuous increase in the urban population of the country. The urban population which was 79 million in 1961 has increased to 217 million in 1991 (census figures). As per the Report of the Expert Committee on population projections, it is likely to reach 326 million by the turn of the century.

(b) The increase in urban population which is due to both natural increase and rural-urban migration is likely to further aggravate the housing, water supply, sanitation and transport facilities for the urban poor.

(c) Urban development is a state subject. To enable the State Governments to take up programmes for the urban poor, the Government of India has introduced the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Urban Basic Services for the Poor and Nehru Rozgar Yojana. Through HUDCO, this Ministry also assists the State Governments in taking up weaker section housing schemes. To address the urban problems including those of poverty in a comprehensive manner, the Government of India has initiated steps for the development of a National Urban Policy.

Industries in Non-conforming Areas in Delhi

2895. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of industries in Delhi are running in "non-conforming areas" in violation of the Delhi Master Plan;

(b) whether some of the non-conforming uses pertain to Government/public lands;

(c) whether these misuses cause acute congestion and give rise to serious health and environmental hazards; and

(d) what action has been taken to and these misuses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No comprehensive survey has been conducted in this regard.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) DDA takes action under Section 14 read with Section 29(2) of Delhi Development Act, 1957 against the non-conforming users.

Government/DDA Nazul in Sadar Bazar Shamali

2896. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is valuable Government/Delhi Development Authority Nazul comprising Khasra No. 14/Khasra No. 388 in Sadar Bazar Shamali, which is being wrongly claimed by some persons;

(b) whether in respect of the litigation that has been raised in District Court and High Court, no one made appearance on behalf of the Government/DDA, despite opportunities given by the court;

(c) what action has been taken on account of default by the Government/ Delhi Development Authority; and

(d) whether land is being illlegally occupied and misused against the land-use prescribed under the Delhi Master Plan, if so, what action has been taken to levy damages and launch prosecution ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) The land in Khasra No. 14/Khasra No. 388, belongs to Government and one of the encroachers, namely, Shri H. L. Sehgal has filed a suit against DDA in the Court of Additional District Judge as well as in the High Court.

(b) The panel Lawyers are attending the cases in District Court as well as in Delhi High Court regularly except on a few occasions in the case CWP No. 3768/ 91 pending before Double Bench No. 2 in the High Court. However, when the panel Lawyer was not present, the staff of the Delhi Development Authority attended the Courts.

(c) It has been decided to change the panel Lawyers defending the Civil Writ Petition No. 3768/91.

(d) Yes, Sir. Damages have been assessed against Shri H. L. Sehgal, proprietor of Sehgal Industries Work for the period from 1-1-52 to 31-3-75. No prosecution, however, has been launched by DDA against him.

National Building Code

2897. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that National Building Code (NBC) is not being followed by builders of multistoreyed buildings in various places and towns of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that encroachers and builders of these buildings have taken laws of construction industry into their own hands to suit their gains;

(c) whether the safety measures also are not being taken into consideration;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government propose to adopt to arrest this trend ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Builders are required to adhere to the plans sanctioned by the building regulatory authority on the basis of the building regulations locally in force.

(b) to (e) No specific information regarding violations of building regulation is available. It is, however, for the Government of Uttar Pradesh and the building regulatory authorities in that State to detect such violations and take suitable remedial action according to the local law in force.

Complaints with CPWD Enquiry Office II Diz Area

2898. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of complaints received by CPWD Enquiry Office-II from the residents of J and K Blocks (Clive Square) of DIZ area during the period January, 1993 to November, 1994 regarding mason work, plastering and carpentry, replacement of doors;

(b) how many complaints were properly attended;

(c) how many complaints were left unattended and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether C.P.W.D. entered into contact with contractor for repair of staircases and flooring of space under staircases and if so, the reasons for non-execution of work ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) 4463.

(b) 4350.

(c) 113 After identifying the nature of complaints they are attended to in groups from time-to-time through contracts.

(d) Yes, Sir. For repair of staircases only and the work is in progress. Flooring of space under staircases can be taken up only after repair work of staircases, if required, has been completed.

Regularisation of Block 'L' of Mahipalpur

2899. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) by when Government propose to regularise Block "L" of Mahipalpur, New Delhi in the lines of Block "K" of the same colony;

(b) when the submission for regularisation of Mahipalpur Extension was made to the Central Government by the local authorities of Delhi; and

(c) whether civic amenities are likely to be provided to the residents of Mahipalpur Extension ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) A proposal has been received from the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi for regularisation of unauthorised colonies in Delhi as existed on 31-3-93, which includes Mahipalpur Extension 'L' Block. However, in a Writ petition filed by the Common Cause Registered Society, the High Court of Delhi have restrained the respondents from taking any further decision or action for regularising any unauthorised colony in Delhi till further orders. The matter is, thus, sub-judice.

(c) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have taken a decision to provide electricity and water to the unauthorised colonies, as existed on 31-3-93 subject to the issue of 'No Objection Certificate' by the Town Planning Deptt. of M.C.D. & payment of full development charges by the beneficiaries to the water supply & electricity supply agencies.

Regularisation of Unauthorised Colonies in Delhi

2900. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the unauthorised colonies in Delhi lying pending with the Central Government for regularisation; and

(b) by when these colonies are likely to be regularised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) A proposal has been received from the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi for regularisation of unauthorised colonies as existed on 31-3-93. However, in a Civil Writ Petition filed by the Common cause Registered Society, the High Court of Delhi have restrained the respondents, including the Union of India, from taking any further decision or action for regularising any unauthorised colony in Delhi till further orders. The matter is thus, subjudice.

Unauthorised Construction in Government Colonies

2901. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some allottees have constructed additional rooms in Government Colonies particularly in G-Block, Nanak Pura and R. K. Puram, New Delhi, area-wise ;